

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claims 1, 3, 6, 7 and 9 remain pending herein. Claims 2, 4, 5 and 8 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Independent claim 1 has been amended to recite a car sale information providing system (1) which comprises two databases, a wait-for registration database and a search database, (2) which generates a car management number according to a predetermined rule for cars for which the car information does not contain inspection information and which transfers the car information to the wait-for-registration database, (3) which transmits the car management number to an inspector terminal to prompt an inspection of cars for which the car information does not contain inspection information and (4) which receives the car inspection information together with the car management number, and transfers the car information from the wait-for-registration database to the search database. Independent claim 3 has been amended to contain analogous recitation. Pages 20-21 of the specification support the amendment of claims 1 and 3, for example. Claim 6 has been amended to depend from claim 1 and to clarify the search is a header search. Claim 7 has been amended to correct the terminology used to refer to the present invention for consistency. Claim 9 has been amended to depend from claim 3. Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter has been added.

Claims 1-5 were rejected under §102(e) over Green. To the extent this rejection might be applied against amended claims 1 and 3, it is respectfully traversed. Claims 2, 4 and 5 have been canceled.

Green discloses a single storage device (12) that stores car information for all newly-acquired cars. After check-in is complete, information on cars is periodically uploaded from the check-in system to the storage device in the system disclosed by Green. (Col. 6, lines 29-32). No information on cars is entered or stored in the storage device or made available to prospective car purchasers until dealership management has priced the vehicle and declared it ready for sale (i.e., check-in is complete). (Col. 6, lines 33-36).

With respect to claim 1, Green does not disclose a checking unit which checks whether or not car information contains inspection information, a registering unit which registers the input car information together with a car management number in the wait-for-registration database if the input car information does not contain the inspection information, an inspection output unit which transmits inspection indicative information for prompting an inspection of a car for which the car information does not contain inspection information, or a receiving unit which receives the inspection information together with the car management number and which transfers the car information indicated by the received car management number to the search database from the wait-for-registration database.

With respect to claim 3, Green does not disclose a method which comprises checking whether or not car information contains inspection information, registering the input car information together with a car management number in the wait-for-registration database if the input car information does not contain the inspection information, transmitting inspection indicative information for prompting an inspection of a car for which the car information does not contain inspection information, or receiving the inspection information together with the car management number and transferring the car information indicated by the received car management number to the search database from the wait-for-registration database.

To be anticipating, a prior art reference must disclose each and every limitation of the claimed invention. Here, the system disclosed by Green neither teaches or suggests a system that transmits the car management number and inspection indicative information for prompting an inspection of a car for which the car information does not contain inspection information or receiving the inspection information together with the car management number and transferring the car information indicated by the received car management number to the search database from the wait-for-registration database.

In view of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that Green does not teach each and every element recited in amended claims 1 and 3. Accordingly, Applicants

respectfully request the Examiner reconsider and withdraw this rejection for claims 1 and 3, as well as for claims 6, 7 and 9, each of which ultimately depend from claim 1 or claim 3.

Claims 6-9 were rejected under §103(a) over Green in view of Merrick. To the extent this rejection might be applied against amended claims 6, 7 and 9, it is respectfully traversed. Claim 8 has been canceled.

Merrick is relied on in the Office Action for alleged disclosure of storing and exhibiting automobile information in animated image or sound data. Thus, the disclosure in Merrick relied on in the Office Action fails to overcome the deficiencies of Green as attempted to be applied to claim 1, from which claims 6, 7 and 9 depend. Reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are requested.

If the Examiner believes that contact with Applicants' attorney would be advantageous toward the disposition of this case, the Examiner is herein requested to call Applicants' attorney at the phone number noted below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1446.

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